Please amend claims 1-16, and add new claims 17-19 as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A mail server connected to a mobile terminal through a network, the server comprising a control unit and a storage unit, wherein[[:]]

the storage unit stores a word dictionary containing a plurality of words by category and a word-image associating dictionary associating the words with respective display information thereof by animation character movement, object, and background associated with the words as a word-image associating dictionary;, and

the control unit controls the processing processes of: receiving, from the mobile terminal, an ID code of the mobile terminal, selected animation character information, text information, and selected feeling expression information from the mobile terminal,; dividing the text contained in the text information into unit of a word units;[[,]] collating each of the word units with the words in the word dictionary; collating each collated word in the word dictionary with the display information in the word-image associating dictionary and extracting collated display information of an associated animation character movement, object, and background; synthesizing an animation image of [[a]] the selected animation character [[by]] in a real-time manner using the extracted display information of the associated animation character movement and the selected feeling expression information; creating an animation file in which the synthesized animation image is stored together with the extracted display information of the associated object and the associated background in a superposed manner; associated with the word, and outputting the animation [[image]] file to the mobile terminal.

2.   (Currently Amended) A mail server according to Claim 1, wherein:

the storage unit further stores a typical text and a movement pattern associated with the typical text; and

the control unit controls the processing processes of displaying the typical text, receiving the text information to be put in a blank space of the typical text, and synthesizing the animation image of the animation character by using the movement pattern associated with the typical text in addition to the display information and the feeling expression information associated with the word.

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3.   (Currently Amended) A mail server according to Claim 1, wherein:

the storage unit stores the ID code of the terminal and [[the]] predetermined animation character information associated with the ID code; and

the control unit controls the processing processes of reading the predetermined animation character information associated with the received ID code from the storage unit, instead of receiving the selected animation character information.

4.   (Currently Amended) A mail server according to Claim 2, wherein:

the storage unit stores the ID code of the terminal and [[the]] predetermined animation character information associated with the ID code; and

the control unit controls the processing processes of reading the predetermined animation character information associated with the received ID code from the storage unit, instead of receiving the selected animation character information.

5.   (Currently Amended) A mail server according to Claim 1, wherein:

the storage unit stores a word dictionary that stores plural words to be divided into categories, and a positional information associating dictionary that stores positional information and place display information associated with the positional information; and

the control unit controls, when the word belongs to [[the]] a category of place in the word dictionary, the processing a process of extracting the place display information from the positional information associating dictionary by using the positional information acquired from the mobile terminal, and outputting the extracted place display information extracted.

6.   (Currently Amended) A mail server according to Claim 2, wherein:

the storage unit stores a word dictionary that stores plural words to be divided into categories, and a positional information associating dictionary that stores positional information and place display information associated with the positional information; and

the control unit controls, when the word belongs to [[the]] a category of place in the word dictionary, the processing a process of extracting the place display information from the positional information associating dictionary by using the

positional information acquired from the mobile terminal, and outputting the <u>extracted</u> place display information ~~extracted~~.

7.   (Currently Amended) A mail server according to Claim 1, wherein, when the word-image associating dictionary does not contain the word, the control unit further controls ~~the processing~~ <u>a process</u> of retrieving an object associated with the word through the network.

8.   (Currently Amended) A mail server according to Claim 2, wherein, when the word-image associating dictionary does not contain the word, the control unit further controls ~~the processing~~ <u>a process</u> of retrieving an object associated with the word through the network.

9.   (Currently Amended) A mail server according to Claim 3, wherein, when the word-image associating dictionary does not contain the word, the control unit further controls ~~the processing~~ <u>a process</u> of retrieving an object associated with the word through the network.

10.   (Currently Amended) A mail server according to Claim 1, wherein the control unit ~~controls to~~ make<u>s</u> the mobile terminal <u>to</u> display plural <u>animation</u> character candidates [[and]] <u>for a user to</u> select ~~any of them,~~ prior to the ~~processing~~ <u>processes</u>.

11.   (Currently Amended) A mail server according to Claim 2, wherein the control unit ~~controls to~~ make<u>s</u> the mobile terminal <u>to</u> display plural <u>animation</u> character candidates [[and]] <u>for a user to</u> select ~~any of them,~~ prior to the ~~processing~~ <u>processes</u>.

12.   (Currently Amended) A mail server according to Claim 1, wherein[[,]]

when the mail server <u>outputs the animation file to the mobile terminal via an e-mail and</u> receives a reply ~~request~~ <u>e-mail</u> from ~~a destination~~ <u>the mobi</u>le terminal ~~of the mail,~~

~~the mail server receives~~ designation information <u>is</u> given in an insertion portion provided in the text of the ~~received~~ <u>reply</u> e-mail,

the mail server creates [[the]] <u>an image of the animation</u> character ~~animation image~~ by using the inputted text information in ~~regard to~~ the reply <u>e-</u>mail, makes the

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transmission mobile terminal output display the created animation image created according to the reply e-mail data to be inserted into the insertion portion.

13. (Currently Amended) A mail server according to Claim 2, when the mail server outputs the animation file to the mobile terminal via an e-mail and receives a reply request e-mail from a destination the mobile terminal of the mail,

the mail server receives designation information is given in an insertion portion provided in the text of the received reply e-mail,

the mail server creates [[the]] an image of the animation character animation image by using the inputted text information in regard to the reply e-mail, makes the transmission mobile terminal output display the created animation image created according to the reply e-mail data to be inserted into the insertion portion.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium embedded with a program for making a mobile terminal having a controller, display, storage, and network interface execute a mail creation processing, wherein the mail creation processing program comprises the steps of:

a module for storing in the storage means a word dictionary containing a plurality of words by category and a word-image associating dictionary associating the words with respective display information thereof by animation character movement, object, and background;

a module for receiving, from the mobile terminal, accepting a text, animation character, and feeling expression information input or selected by a user;

a module for causing making the display means to display plural feeling expression items thereon information, and inviting the user to select one of the feeling expression items information associated with the text;

outputting the feeling information and the text information together with an ID code of the mobile terminal to a server through the network interface;

acquiring animation information created by the outputted information and the character information recorded in the server, associated with the ID code of the mobile terminal; and

making the display display the animation information

a module for dividing the text contained in the information into word units;

a module for collating each of the word units with the words in the word

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dictionary;

a module for collating each collated word in the word dictionary with the display information in the word-image associating dictionary and extracting collated display information of an associated animation character movement, object, and background;

a module for synthesizing an animation image of the animation character in a real-time manner using the extracted display information of the associated animation character movement and the feeling expression information; and

a module for displaying the synthesized animation image on the display means together with the extracted display information of the associated object and the associated background in a superposed manner.

15.   (Currently Amended) A mobile terminal connected to a network, comprising:

storage means stored with a word dictionary containing a plurality of words by category and a word-image associating dictionary associating the words with respective display information thereof by animation character movement, object, and background;

~~a recording means that records character information;~~

a display means;

a text input means;

[[a]] means ~~that divides~~ for dividing a text inputted through the text input means into plural word units;

~~a means that retrieves an object associated with the word;~~

means for collating each of the word units with the words in the word dictionary;

means for collating each collated word in the word dictionary with the display information in the word-image associating dictionary and extracting collated display information of an associated animation character movement, object, and background;

[[a]] means ~~that synthesizes~~ for synthesizing an animation image of the ~~the object recorded in the recording means by using the object~~ animation character in a real-time manner using the extracted display information of the associated animation character movement and the feeling expression information; and

[[a]] means ~~that sends the synthesized animation~~ for transmitting the animation image to a designated destination through the network.

16.   (Currently Amended) A mobile terminal according to Claim 15, wherein the ~~recording~~ storage means ~~records~~ stores information for ~~expressing~~ displaying plural feeling expression items, and uses the feeling expression information selected through the text input means for synthesizing the animation image.

17.   (New) A mail server according to Claim 1, wherein the control unit analyzes the text information inputted or selected by a user, creates an animation character movement by using the analyzed information, and selects an object and a background by using the analyzed information.

18.   (New) A mail server according to Claim 12, wherein the control unit edits the animation image based upon the feeling expression information in the reply e-mail.

19.   (New) A mail server according to Claim 1, wherein the control unit synthesizes the animation image showing a general movement or a sign language movement as selected by a user via the mobile terminal.